

# Big-bang nucleosynthesis with a long-lived CHAMP including helium-4 spallation process

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# Introduction

## Long-lived charged massive particle (CHAMP)

- Predicted in many models of beyond SM
- Various hunting  
(collider experiments, neutrino telescope, etc.)
- Cosmological constraints on its property  
([Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis\(BBN\)](#), large scale structure, etc.)

One of the interesting objects for particle physics, astrophysics, and nuclear physics

# Introduction

Candidate of long-lived CHAMP: **NLSP stau in SUSY models**

NLSP: Next Lightest SUSY particle

## Scenarios predicting long-lived stau

- neutralino LSP scenario (phase space suppression)

[ S. Profumo, K. Sigurdson, P. Ullio and M. Kamionkowski, PRD71 ]

[ T. Jittoh, J. Sato, T. Shimomura and MY, PRD73 ]

- gravitino LSP scenario (Planck suppressed coupling)

[ W. Buchmuller, K. Hamaguchi, M. Ratz and T. Yanagida, PLB588 ]

[ J. L. Feng, S. Su and F. Takayama, PRD70 ]

- etc.

LSP: Lightest SUSY particle

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## Modifications to light elements abundances in the BBN

- Destruction of nuclei by its decay products
- Catalyzed fusion by forming bound state with nuclei
- etc.

Important for comprehension of stau property and each scenario

- (1) To identify what exotic reactions are induced by each type of long-lived stau
- (2) To understand what light elements are over-produced or over-destructed by each type of reactions

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## Topics in this talk

- Proposing a new process ( $^4\text{He}$  spallation process)
- Search for cosmologically favored parameter space in the MSSM including the new process

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### 2.1 Catalyzed fusion

### 2.2 $^4\text{He}$ spallation process

## 3. Cosmologically favored parameter space in MSSM

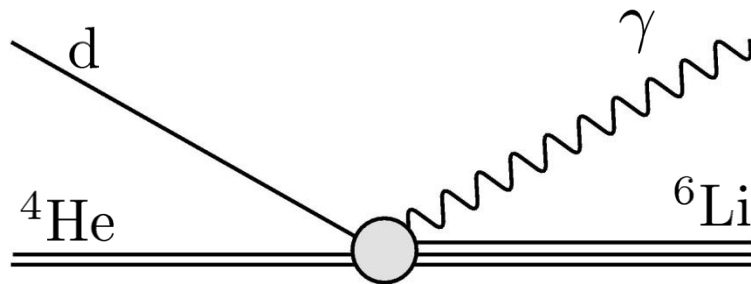
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# Exotic nuclear reactions with long-lived stau

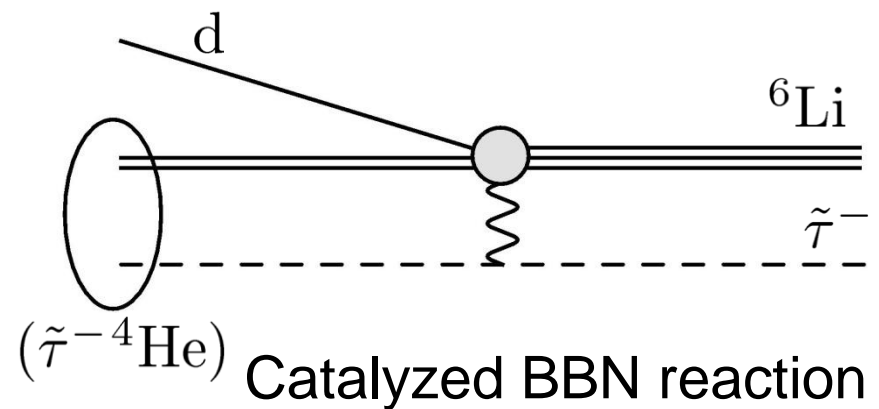
# (1) Catalyzed fusion [ M. Pospelov, PRL98 ]

Bound state formation via EM int.  $\tilde{\tau} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow (\tilde{\tau}^{-} {}^4\text{He})$


**Catalyzed fusion**  $(\tilde{\tau}^{-} {}^4\text{He}) + \text{d} \rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + \tilde{\tau}^{-}$



Standard BBN reaction



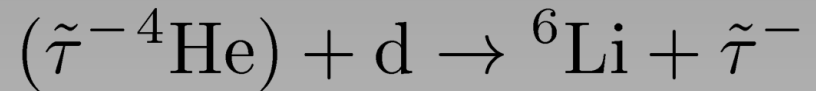
Catalyzed BBN reaction

$$\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{catalyzed}}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{standard}}} \simeq 10^7 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \ddots \\ \ddots \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard: forbidden E1 transition} \\ \text{Catalyzed: } \alpha \text{ transfer reaction} \end{array} \right]$$



# (1) Catalyzed fusion

## Catalyzed fusion



Coupling suppression scenario

Stringent constraint on stau lifetime and density to evade  **${}^6\text{Li}$  overproduction**

Note!!

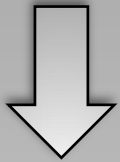
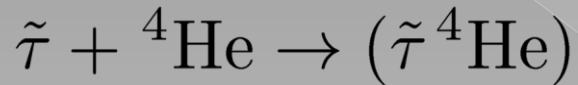
Before including spallation process

Phase space suppression scenario

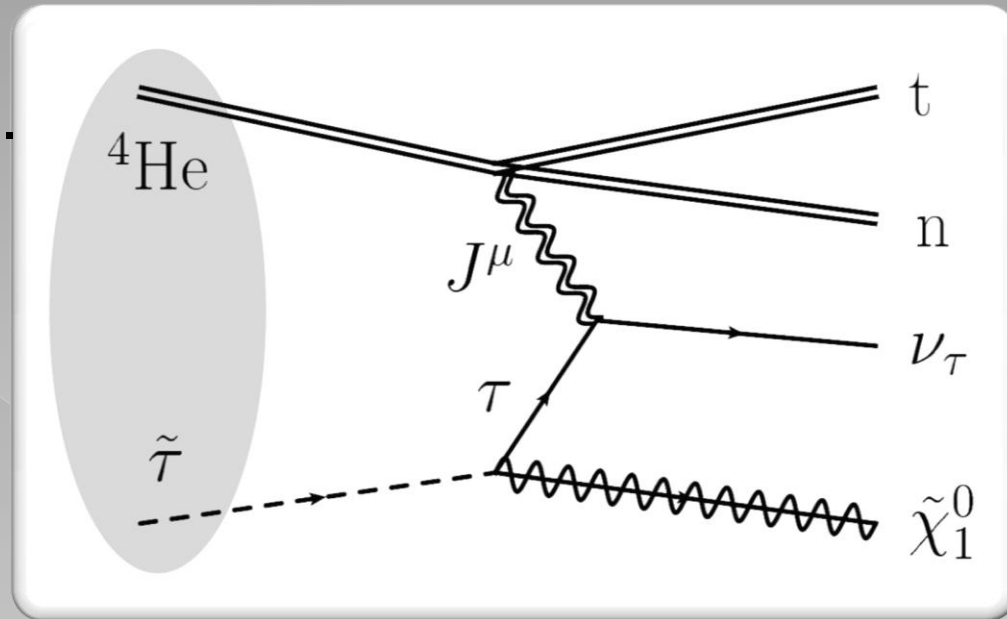
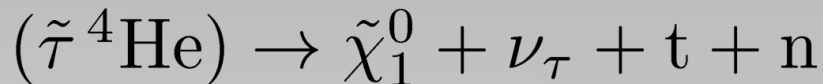
## (2) $^4\text{He}$ spallation process

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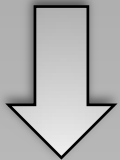
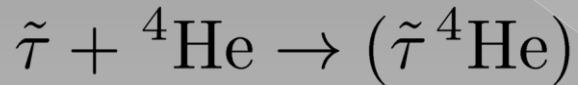
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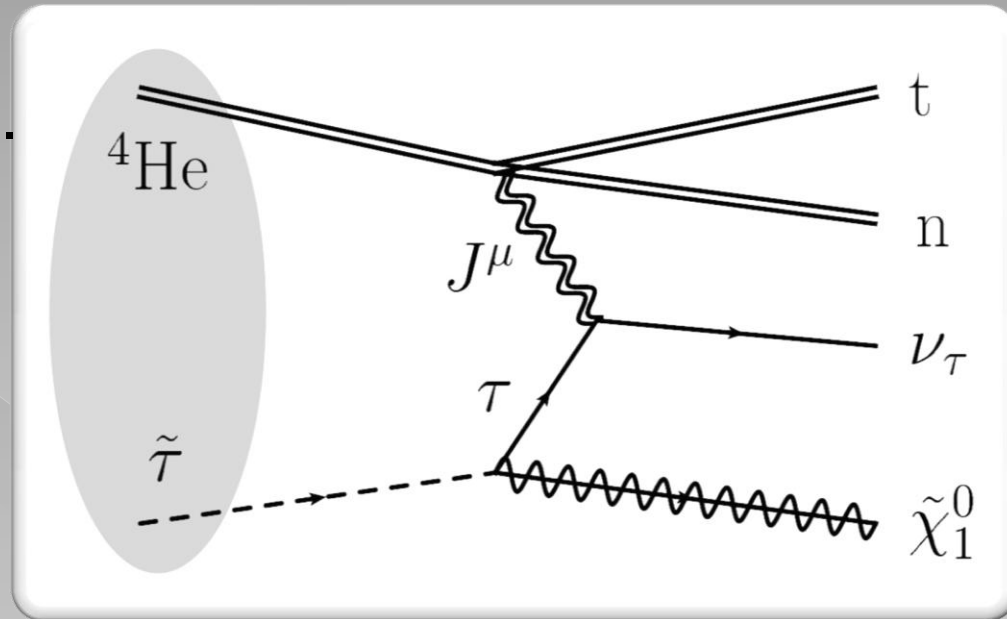
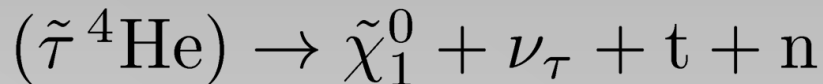
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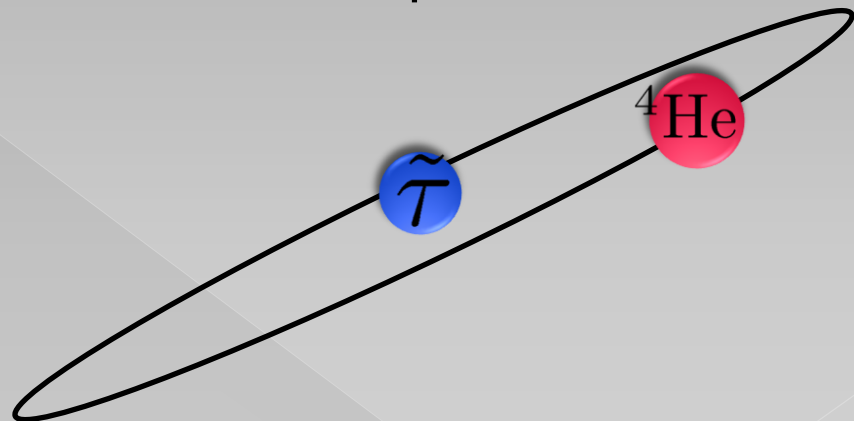
Overlap of initial state wave functions

## (2) $^4\text{He}$ spallation process

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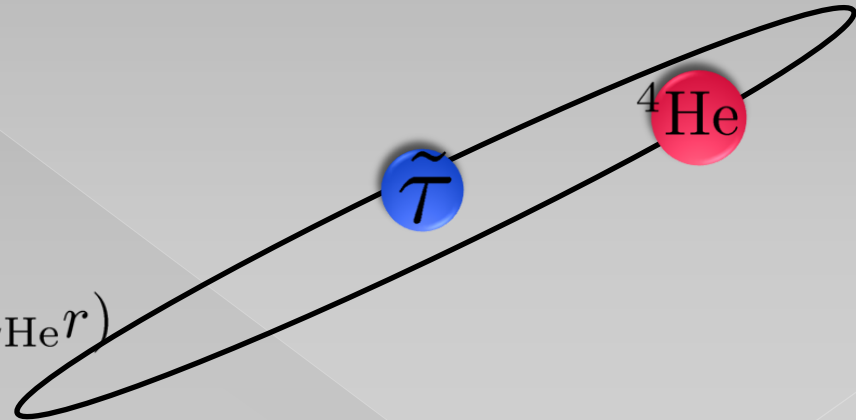
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Wave function of  $^4\text{He}$

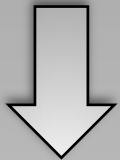
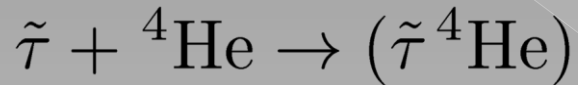
$$\psi_{1S}^{(\text{He})}(r; Z) = \frac{(Z\alpha m_{\text{He}})^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-Z\alpha m_{\text{He}} r)$$



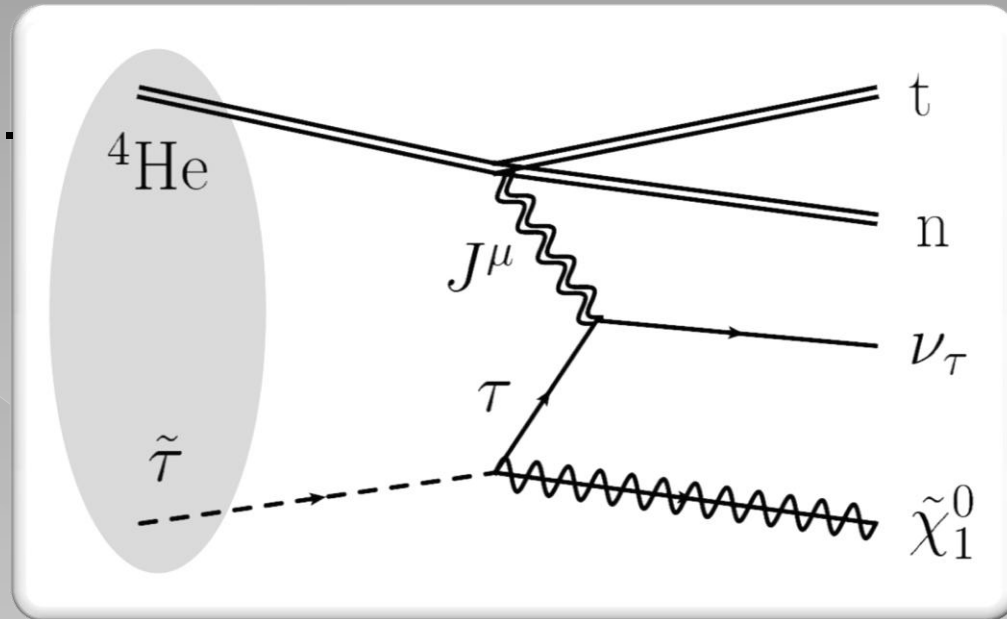
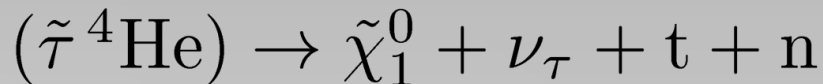
Overlap of wave functions  $|\psi|^2 = |\psi_{1S}^{(\text{He})}(0; 2)|^2 = \frac{(2\alpha m_{\text{He}})^3}{\pi}$

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Cross section of elemental reaction

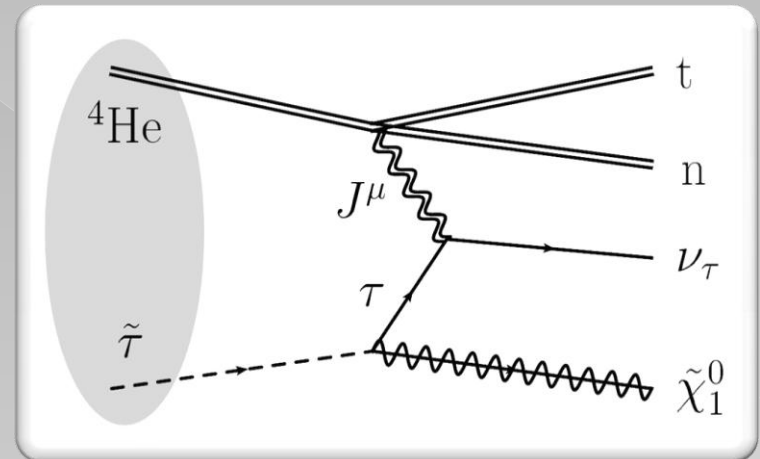
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$$\sigma v_{\text{tn}} = \frac{1}{2E_{\tilde{\tau}}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_{\nu}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\nu}} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_{\tilde{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\tilde{\chi}}} \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}_{\text{n}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}_{\text{t}}}{(2\pi)^3} \\ \times |\mathcal{M}((\tilde{\tau}^4\text{He}) \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \nu_{\tau} \text{tn})|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_{\tilde{\tau}} + p_{\text{He}} - p_{\nu} - q_{\text{t}} - q_{\text{n}})$$

Amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}((\tilde{\tau}^4\text{He}) \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \nu_{\tau} \text{tn}) \\ &= \langle \text{tn} \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \nu_{\tau} | \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} | ^4\text{He} \tilde{\tau} \rangle \\ &= \langle \text{tn} | J^{\mu} | ^4\text{He} \rangle \langle \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \nu_{\tau} | j_{\mu} | \tilde{\tau} \rangle \end{aligned}$$



Leptonic part; calculated straightforwardly

## Calculation of hadronic matrix element $\langle t_n | J^\mu | ^4\text{He} \rangle$

- Building up wave functions of  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $t$ ,  $d$ , and  $n$

Requirement: anti-symmetric under the exchange of two nucleons

spin, isospin part  
(anti-symmetric)

$$| ^4\text{He} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} [ | \text{pnpn} \rangle ( | \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow \rangle + | \downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow \rangle - | \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow \rangle - | \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \rangle ) + \dots + | \text{nnpp} \rangle ( - | \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow \rangle + | \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow \rangle + | \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \rangle - | \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow \rangle ) ]$$

spatial part  
(symmetric)

$$\psi_{\text{He}}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4) = \left( 2 \frac{a_{\text{He}}^3}{\pi^3} \right)^{3/4} \times \exp \left\{ -a_{\text{He}} \left[ \mathbf{r}_1^2 + \mathbf{r}_2^2 + \mathbf{r}_3^2 + \mathbf{r}_4^2 - \frac{1}{4} (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 + \mathbf{r}_4)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$a_{\text{He}} = \frac{9}{16} \frac{1}{(R_{\text{m}})_{\text{He}}^2}, \quad a_t = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(R_{\text{m}})_t^2} \quad (R_{\text{m}} : \text{matter radius})$$



## Calculation of hadronic matrix element $\langle t_n | J^\mu | ^4\text{He} \rangle$

### ■ Explicit form of the hadronic current

In non-relativistic limit  $J_\mu = V_\mu + g_A A_\mu \rightarrow (V_0, g_A A_i)$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} V^0 : \text{Time component in vector current} \\ A^i : \text{Spatial components in axial vector current} \\ g_A : \text{axial vector coupling} \end{array} \right]$$

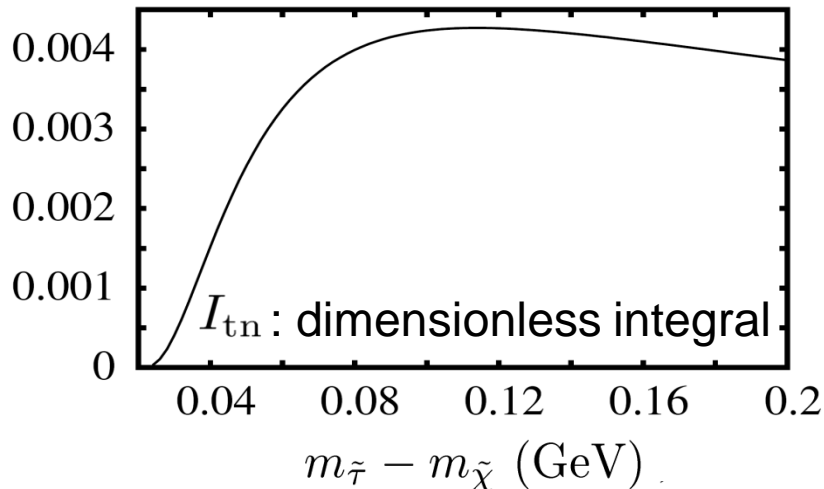
Taking operators as a sum of a single-nucleon operators  $V^0 = \sum_{a=1}^4 \tau_a^- e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_a}, \quad A^i = \sum_{a=1}^4 \tau_a^- \sigma_a^i e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_a}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \tau_a^- : \text{isospin ladder operator of a-th nucleon} \\ \sigma_a^i : \text{spin operator of a-th nucleon} \end{array} \right]$$

## Calculation result of cross section

### Cross section of elemental reaction

$$\sigma v_{\text{tn}} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{32}{3\pi} \right)^{3/2} g^2 \tan^2 \theta_W \sin^2 \theta_\tau (1 + 3g_A^2) G_F^2 \\ \times \Delta_{\text{tn}}^4 \frac{m_t m_n}{m_{\tilde{\tau}} m_\tau^2} \frac{a_{\text{He}}^{3/2} a_t^3}{(a_{\text{He}} + a_t)^5} I_{\text{tn}}$$



$$\Delta_{\text{tn}} \equiv m_{\tilde{\tau}} - m_{\tilde{\chi}} + \Delta_{\text{He}} - \Delta_t - \Delta_n - E_b$$

$$\Delta_{\text{He}} = m_{\text{He}} - 4A,$$

$$\Delta_t = m_t - 3A,$$

$$\Delta_n = m_n - A$$

$A$  : Unified atomic mass unit

## Evolution of $\tau$ - $^4\text{He}$ bound state

- Catalyzed fusion  $\longrightarrow$   $^6\text{Li}$  over-production
- Spallation process  $\longrightarrow$  d and t over-production
- Standard particle decay  $\longrightarrow$  Free from BBN constraint

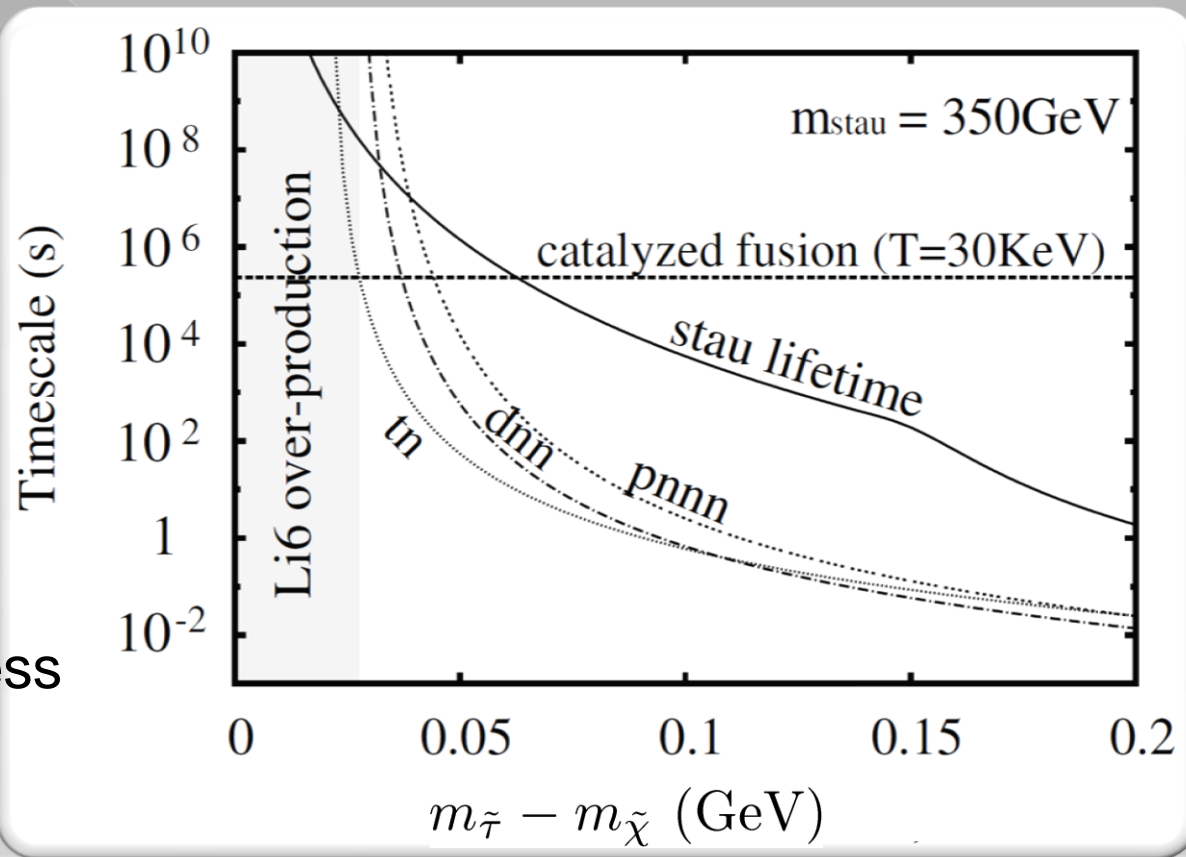
Important

Which is dominant process?

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Time scale of each process



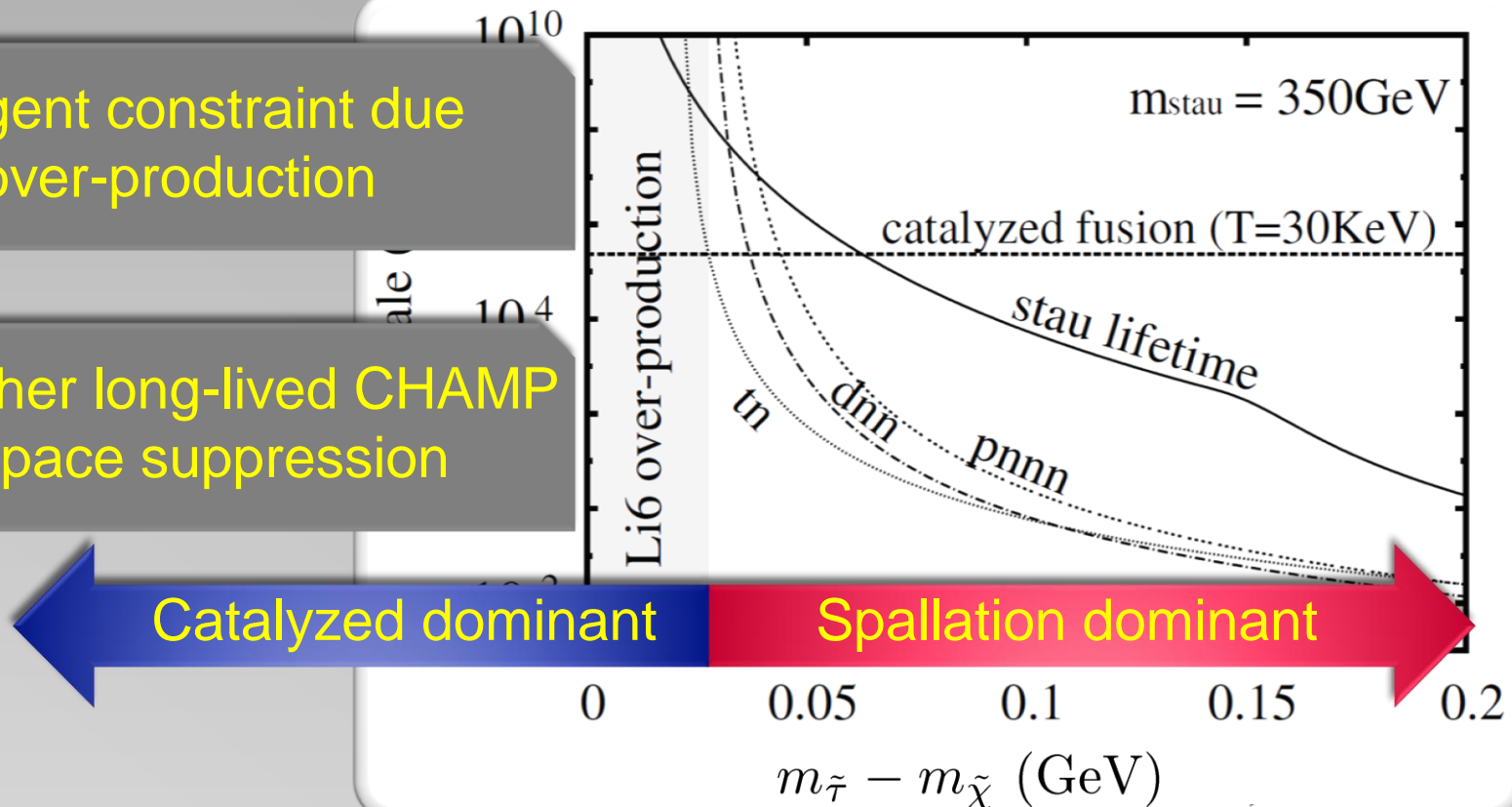
# Evolution of stau-<sup>4</sup>He bound state

Compared with catalyzed fusion

- Large overlap of initial state wave functions
- Without external deuteron

More stringent constraint due to d and t over-production

For also other long-lived CHAMP by phase space suppression



# Cosmologically Favored parameter space in MSSM

# How to constrain the property of long-lived stau

## Requirement in light of BBN

- Evading overproduction of d and t ( $^4\text{He}$  spallation process)
- Evading overproduction of  $^6\text{Li}$  (catalyzed fusion)
- Solving the  $^7\text{Li}$  problem (internal conversion)

Theoretical prediction  $(4.15^{+0.49}_{-0.45}) \times 10^{-10}$

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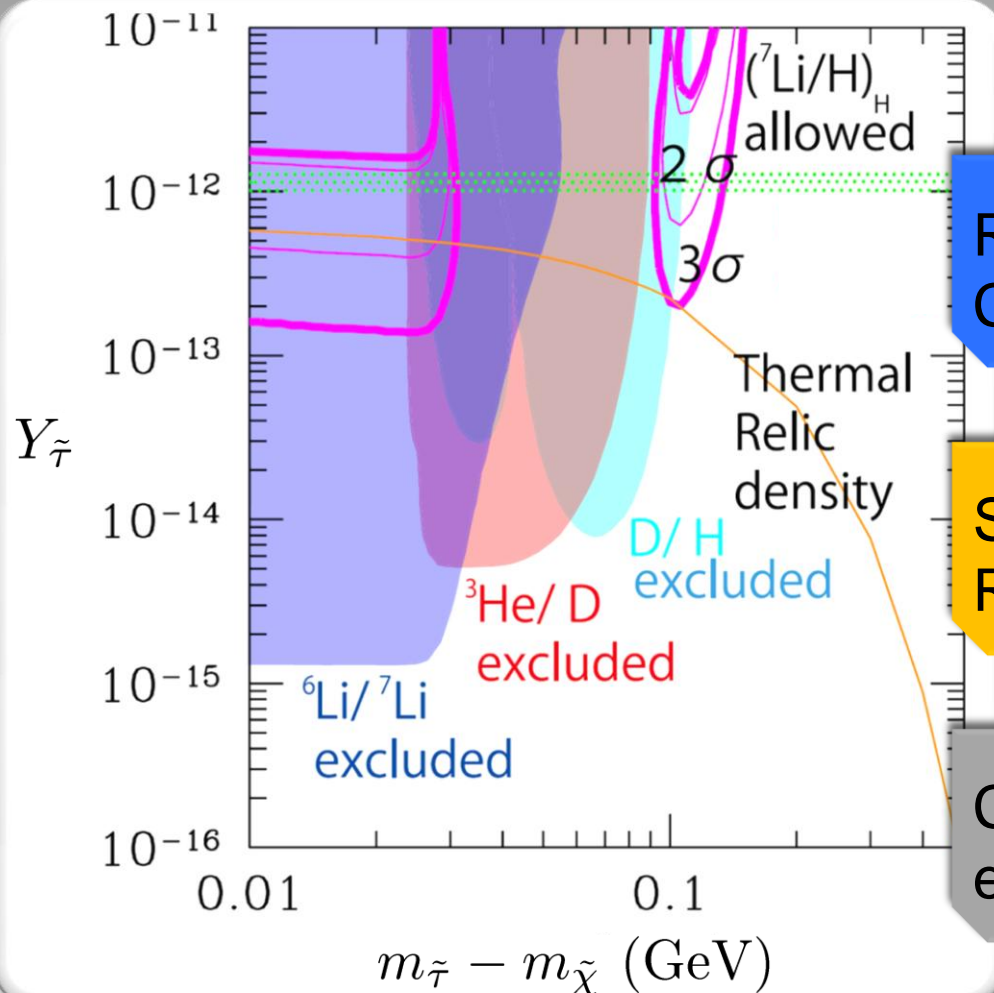
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## Requirement in light of dark matter

- Reproducing observed relic abundance of neutralino



# Favored parameter space in MSSM

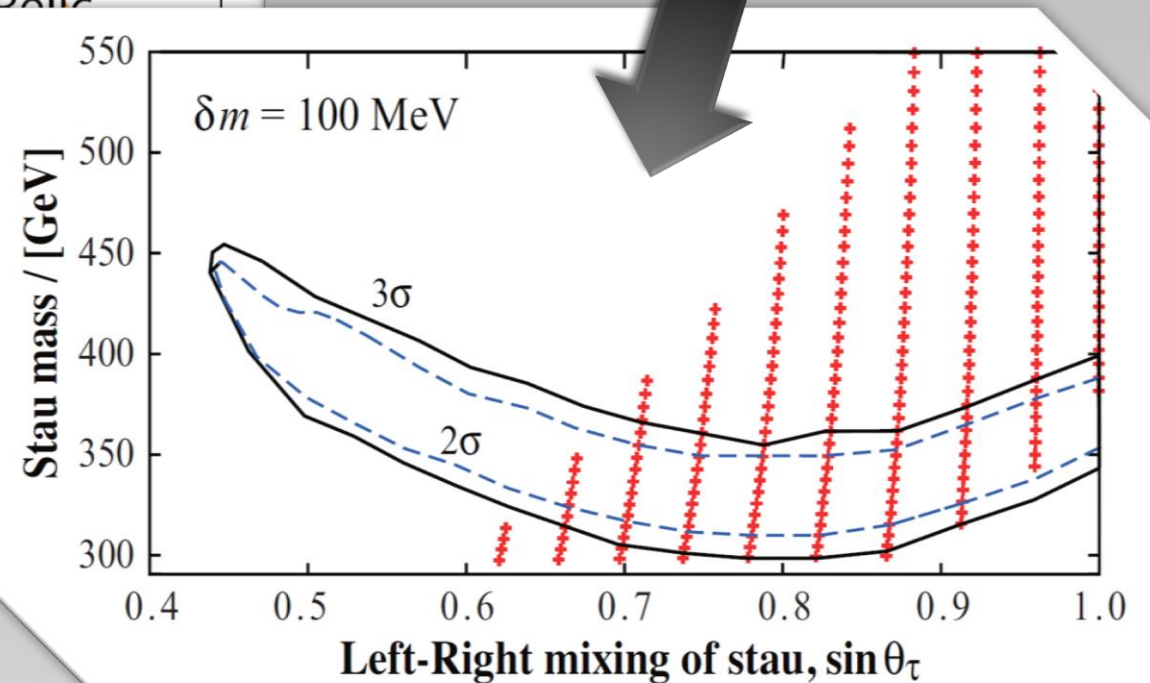
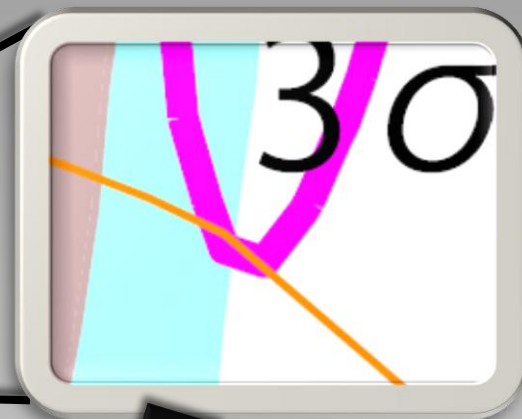
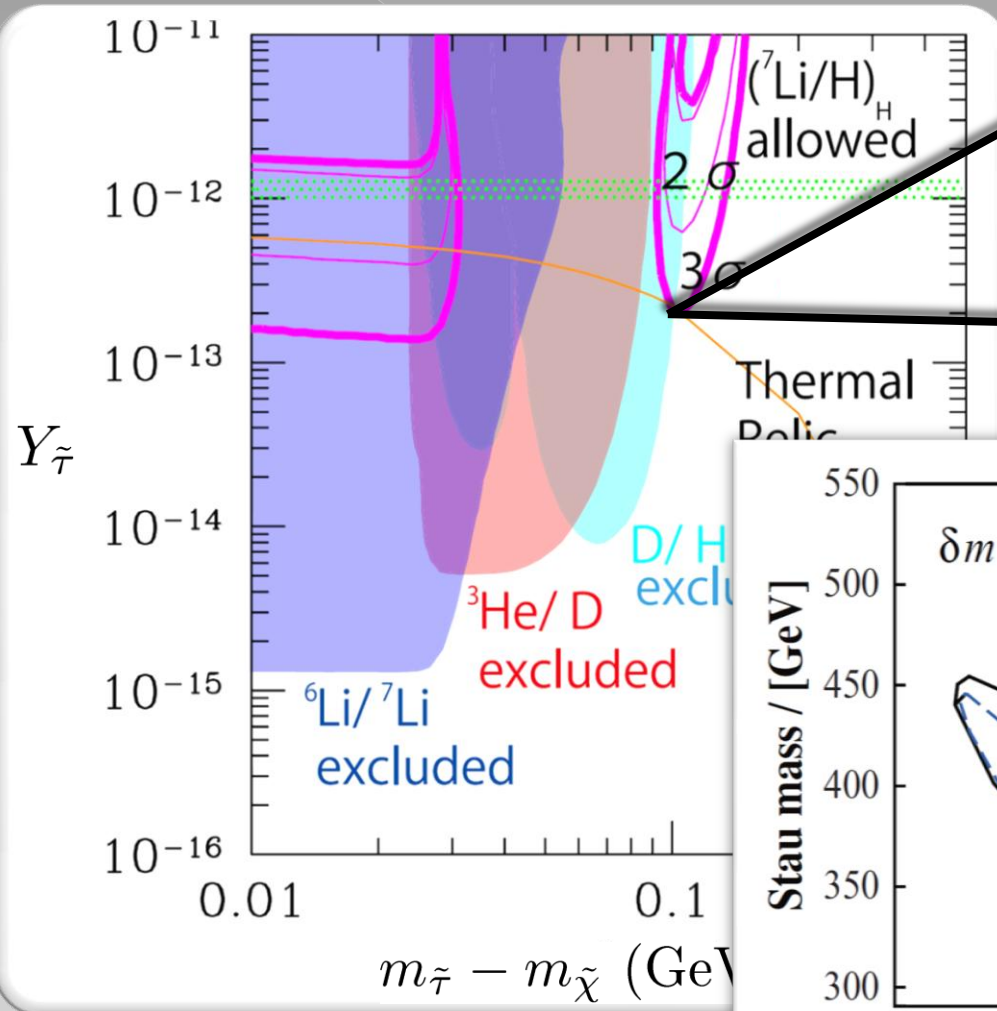


Region surrounded by purple line:  
Consistent with observed  $^7\text{Li}$

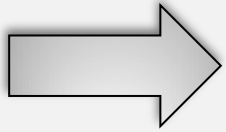
Solid line (orange line):  
Relic density of long-lived stau

Colored region:  
excluded by over-production

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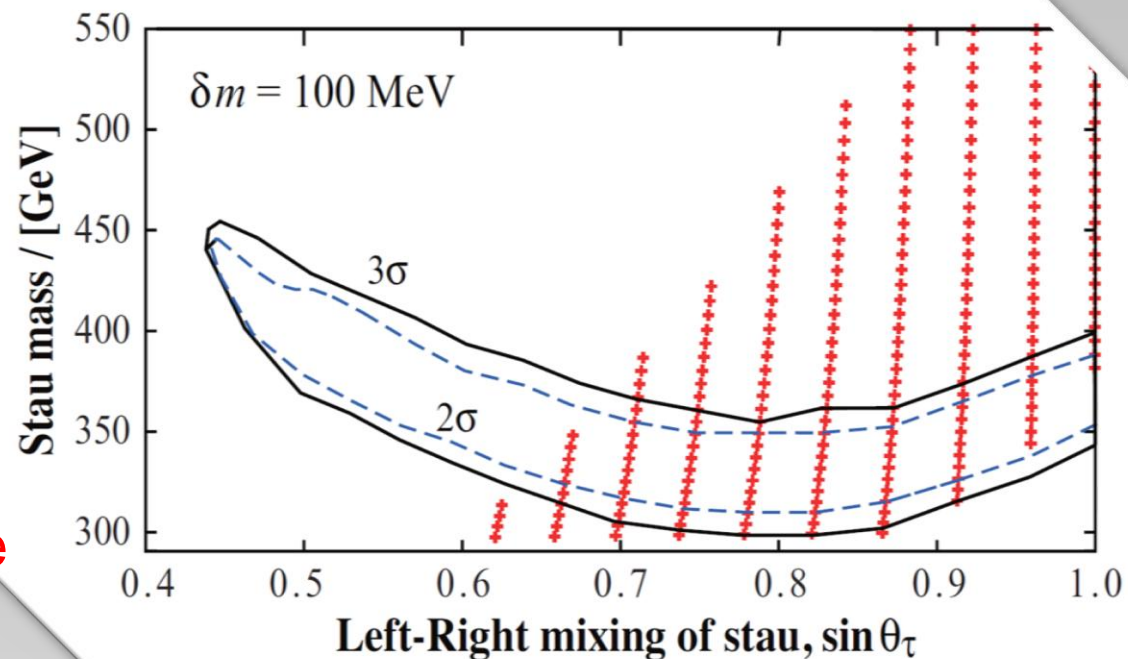
Prediction to observable from the physics of BBN and dark matter



Complementary information for the test of MSSM  
in terrestrial experiments

Region in solid line:  
Consistent with observed  
dark matter abundance

Red cross points:  
Consistent with observed  
light elements abundance



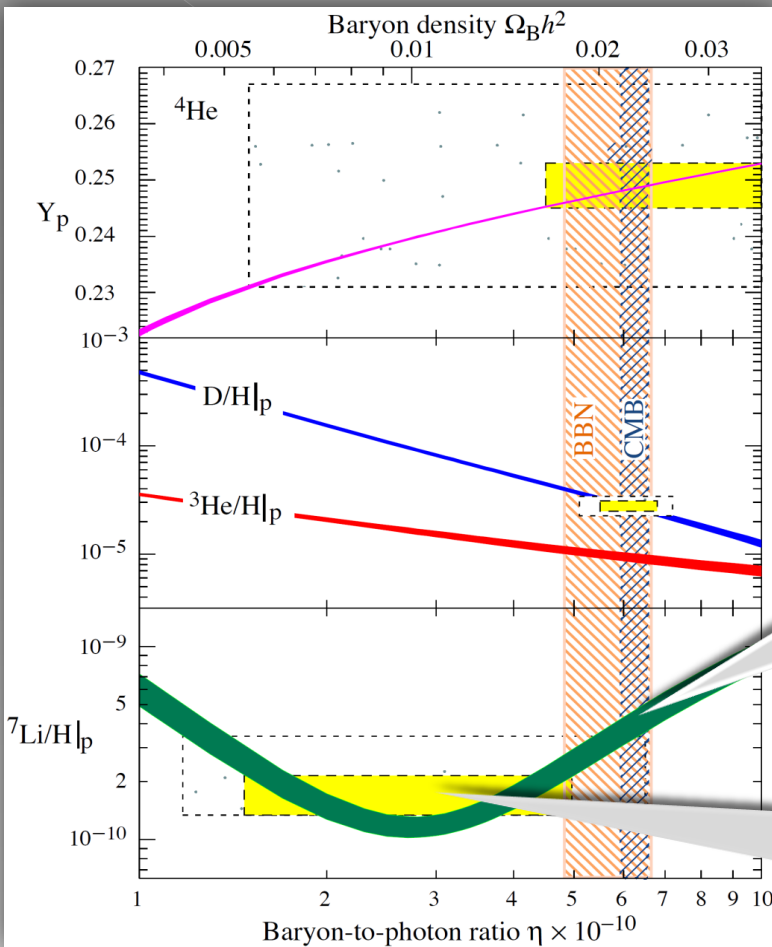
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- It is important for comprehension of the property of long-lived charged massive particle
  - To identify what exotic reactions are induced
  - To understand what nuclei are over-produced(-destroyed)
- We investigated an impact of exotic reactions induced by long-lived stau, i.e.,
  - Catalyzed fusion process
  - Internal conversion process
  - $^4\text{He}$  spallation process (new proposal)on light elements abundances
- MSSM parameter is precisely predicted from the physics of BBN and dark matter, and it is useful information to test the model

Back-up slides

# ${}^7\text{Li}$ problem



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A. Coc, et al., astrophys. J. 600 (2004)

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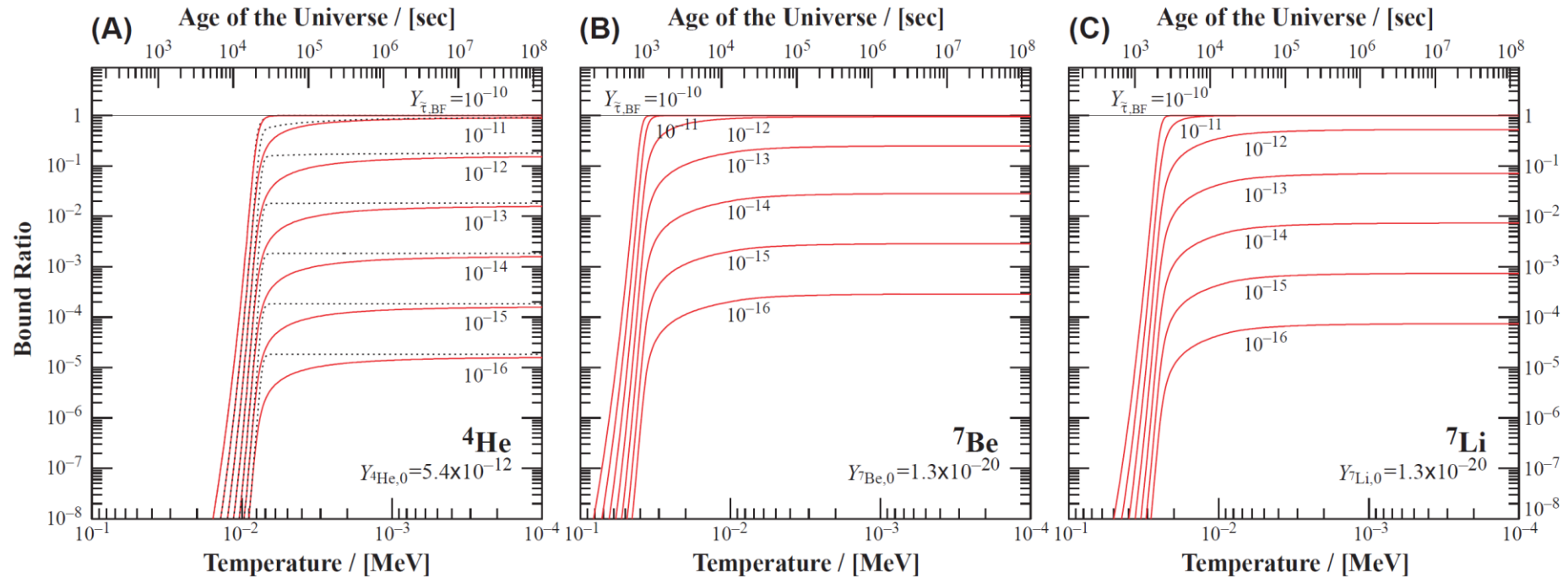
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Solving the problem



Reducing  ${}^7\text{Li}$  and  ${}^7\text{Be}$  abundances

# Formation rate of bound state



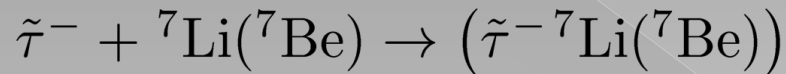


## (2) Internal conversion

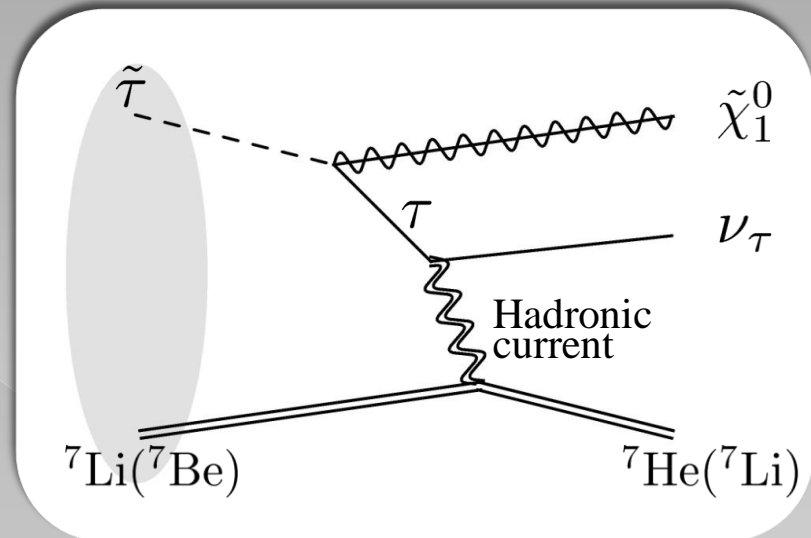
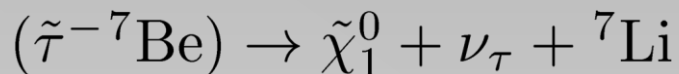
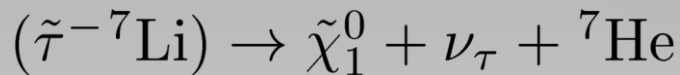
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Bound state formation with  ${}^7\text{Li}$  and/or  ${}^7\text{Be}$



Internal conversion



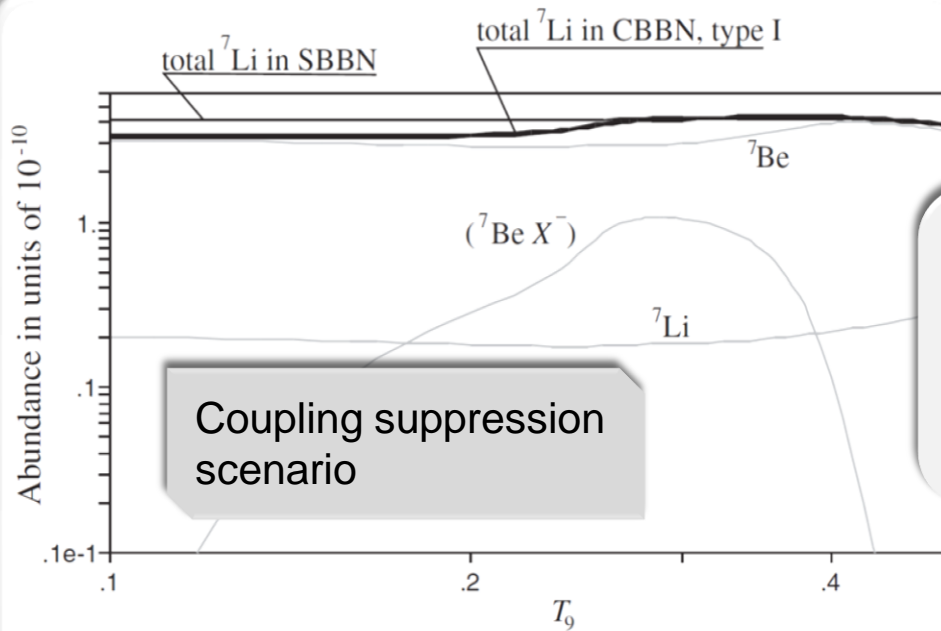
Timescale of internal conversion

Timescale of BBN era ( $\sim 1\text{sec}$ )

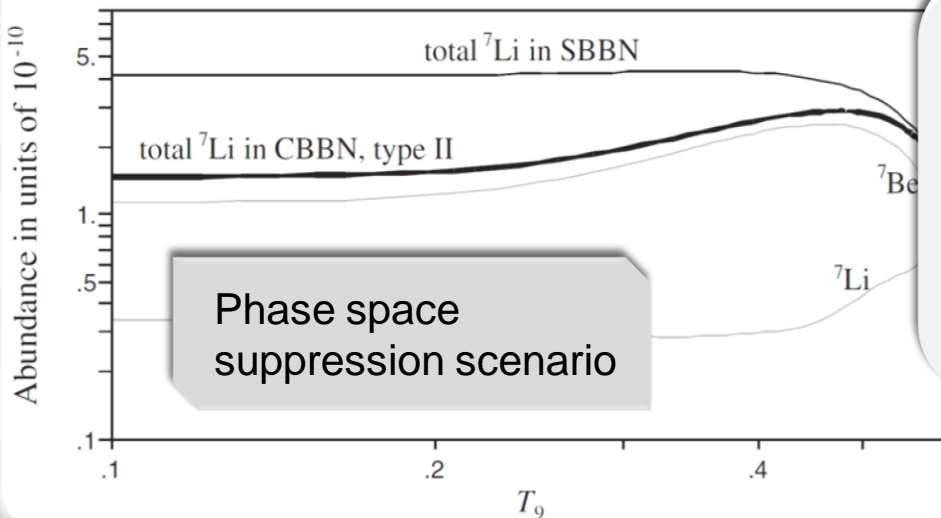
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Overlap of initial state  
wave functions  
(c.f. electron capture)

## (2) Internal conversion



Constraint on the property of long-lived stau by evading **over-destruction of  ${}^7\text{Li}$**



Reducing  ${}^7\text{Li}$  abundance compared with standard BBN



Solving the  ${}^7\text{Li}$  problem  
(In phase space suppression scenario)

### (3) $^4\text{He}$ spallation process

#### Calculation result of $\langle t_n | J^\mu | ^4\text{He} \rangle$

$$\langle t_n | V^0 | ^4\text{He} \rangle = \sqrt{2} \mathcal{M}_{tn},$$

$$\langle t_n | g_A A^3 | ^4\text{He} \rangle = -\sqrt{2} g_A \mathcal{M}_{tn},$$

$$\langle t_n | g_A A^\pm | ^4\text{He} \rangle = \pm \sqrt{2} g_A \mathcal{M}_{tn}$$

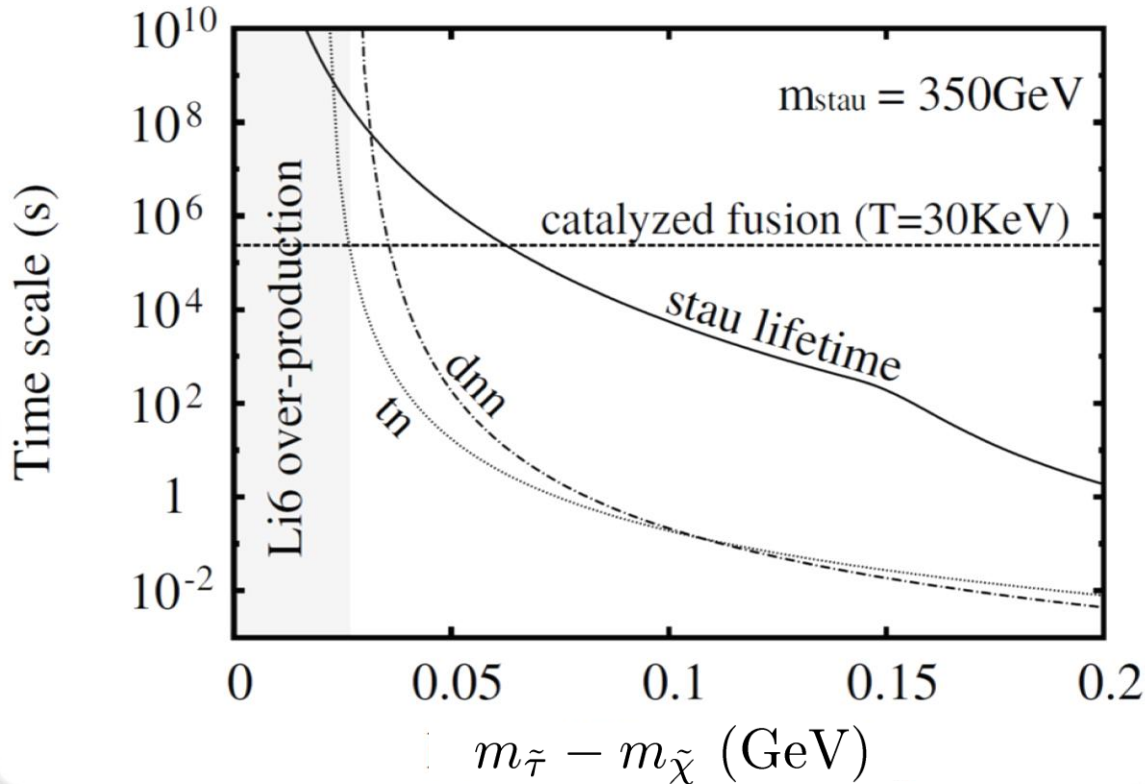
$V^0$  : Time component in vector current

$A^i$  : Spatial components in axial vector current

$g_A$  : axial vector coupling

$$\mathcal{M}_{tn} = \left( \frac{128\pi}{3} \frac{a_{\text{He}} a_t^2}{(a_{\text{He}} + a_t)^4} \right)^{3/4} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{\mathbf{q}_t^2}{3a_{\text{He}}} \right] - \exp \left[ -\frac{\mathbf{q}_n^2}{3a_{\text{He}}} - \frac{(\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{q}_n)^2}{6(a_{\text{He}} + a_t)} \right] \right\}$$

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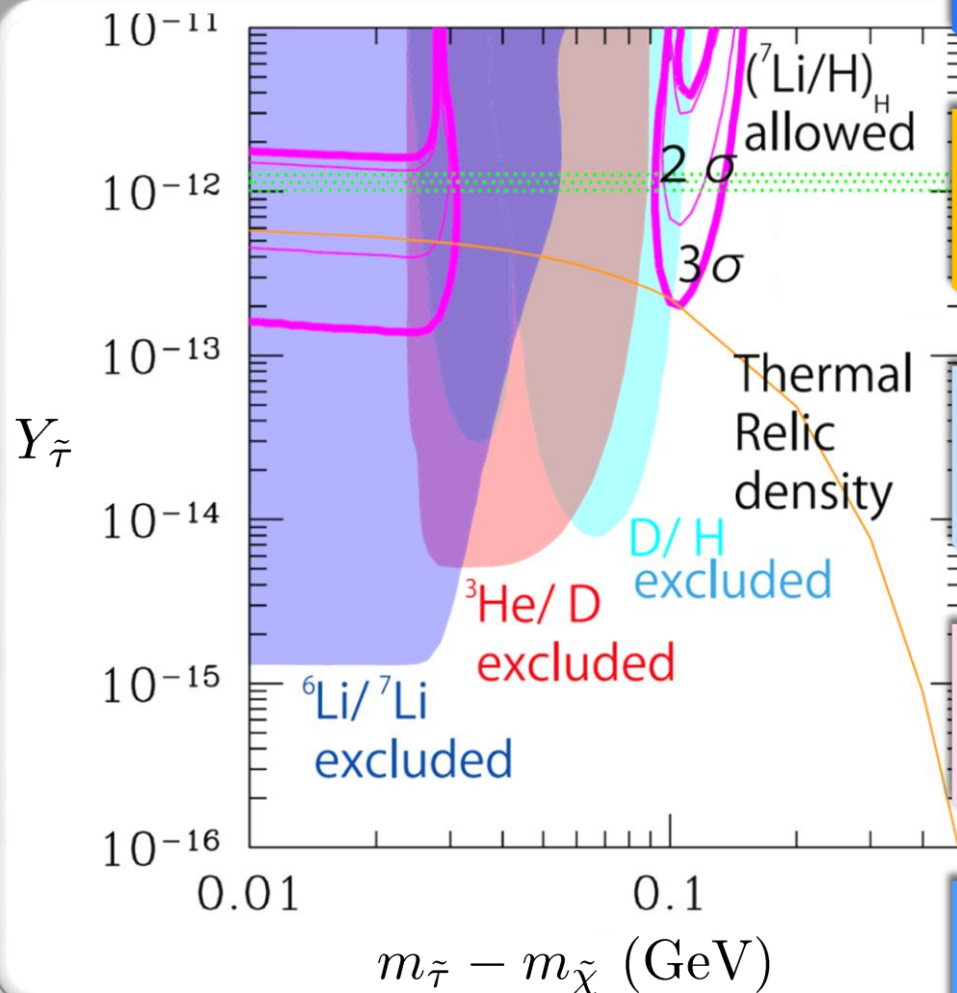


Time scale of each process

Input values

nucleus	$R_m \text{ [fm]}/[\text{GeV}^{-1}]$	$m_X \text{ [GeV]}$	$\Delta_X \text{ [GeV]}$
d	1.966 / 9.962	1.876	$1.314 \times 10^{-2}$
t	1.928 / 9.770	2.809	$1.495 \times 10^{-2}$
$^4\text{He}$	1.49 / 7.55	3.728	$2.425 \times 10^{-3}$

# Favored parameter space in MSSM



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Relic density of long-lived stau

Pale blue region:  
Excluded by d over-production

Pale pink region:  
Excluded by t over-production

Blue region:  
Excluded by  $^6\text{Li}$  over-production

